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SUBJECT: Difficulties in Satisfying Overhead Photo Reconnaissance Requirements in China

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TO: Director, National Reconnaissance Office [redacted]

1. Reference is made to:

a. USIB-D-41.14/91, dtd 30 Dec 63, Subj: Review of Long Range Reconnaissance Program for the Far East.

b. USIB-D-41.14/105, dtd 24 Feb 64, Subj: Current Evaluation of Needed U-2 Coverage in the Far East.

c. USIB-D-41.14/108, dtd 26 Feb 64, Subj: Current Evaluation of Needed U-2 Coverage of the Far East.

d. USIB-D-41.14/115, dtd 12 Mar 64, Subj: Priority Targets for Sino-Indian Border Coverage.

2. With minor exceptions we have had no U-2 photo coverage of China since September 1963 and of the Sino-Indian Border since November 1963. I am deeply concerned by the lack of adequate response to the USIB requirements for U-2 coverage of China and the Sino-Indian Border as stated in the references. It is evident that except for the limited amount of coverage provided by RB missions 1004-1 and 2 on 14 Feb, [redacted] NRO 25X1 and the planned CRC mission 0024C of 16 Mar over Hainan Island and Southeastern China, there has been a paucity of photographic reconnaissance source materials needed in assessing and monitoring the Chicom Communist intentions and capabilities in the Far East.

3. It is recognized that certain operational factors such as weather may have hindered mission planning, or precluded completion of missions over China in areas highlighted by the USIB on 26 Feb and 3 Mar, however, weather conditions have not been such as to prevent coverage of most or all of the areas at one time or the other. To cite only a few examples, weather was 0 to 4/8th or better cloud condition on the dates listed below for areas specified.

DATE	AREA	WEATHER (Cloud Cover)
11 March	N. Korea, Manchuria	0-2/8
12 March	Sino-Indian Border	0-3/8

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DATE	AREA	WEATHER (Cloud Cover)
14 March	N. Korea, Manchuria	0-2/8
14 March	General China	0-4/8
15 March	Sino-Indian Border	0-1/8
15 March	Central/South China	0-2/8
16 March	Central/East China (CO24C flew)	0-2/8
17 March	N. Korea, Manchuria (afternoon)	0-2/8
18 March	N. Korea, Manchuria	0-2/8
20 March	N. Korea, Manchuria	0-2/8
21 March	N. Korea, Manchuria	0-2/8
21 March	Sino-Indian Border	0-1/8
22 March	N. Korea, Manchuria	0-2/8
23 March	N. Korea, Manchuria	0-2/8

It is recognized that mission planning necessarily is predicated on forecast rather than actual weather conditions, however, the former data is not available to us. Accordingly, actual weather data cited above was provided by the NMCC weather analyses.

3. In view of the urgent need for early resumption and continuation of overhead reconnaissance in all areas specified in the references, it is requested that NRO(3) advise the USIB of any difficulties encountered in satisfying our intelligence needs.

SIGNED

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cc: Chairman, USIB

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